Celebrating the Life and Legacy Of Elder Alexander Houston

Sunrise
October 23, 1915

Sunset
February 15, 2014

Celebration Service
February 21, 2014 ~ 10:00 A. M.

Emanuel Church of God in Christ

1649 Hayes Street • San Francisco, CA 94117
Pastor Yul D. Dorn, Sr.

Officiating
Administrative Assistant John A. Jenning

THE LIFE OF
ELDER ALEXANDER HOUSTON

Elder Alexander Houston was born October 23, 1915 in Tyler, Texas to Alexander and Idonia Mims Houston. He had one brother, Bishop Walter B. Houston, who preceded him in death.

Elder Houston attended Emmett Scott School and left school at an early age to help his mother provide for the family.

His career began as a short order cook for Neil Simpson Restaurant. It was clear to him that hard work would help him become successful, and was evidenced as he soon advanced and became the manager.

In November 1937 he married to Georgia Emma Haynes, and was blessed with a daughter, Franzetta Leilani and one grandson Alexander N. Coleman.

He served in the Navy for two years, and was stationed on Admiralty Islands during WWII for 22 months. He proudly served as a Chief Officers, Cook First Class. He returned to Texas after the war and he realized it was time for a change. In 1950 he relocated to California and began his new career at Hunters Point Shipyard as a pipefitter. After 20 years of dedicated service the shipyard closed. He began a new career at the Public Health Hospital as Maintenance supervisor until he retired in 1981.

His Christian experience began at an early age. After his move to California he united with the Emanuel Church of God in Christ under the Leadership of the late Bishop Eugene E. Hamilton. He was active in the choir, worked with the youth department and was one of the cooks for the church. While serving at Emanuel under the late Elder James Briggs and heard the voice of the Lord calling him to pastor. He became the pastor of Greater Holiness Temple Church of God in Christ, where he lovingly served for 23 years. He participated in the Greater Gethsemane District, Greater Emanuel District and the San Francisco District. His involvement in California Northwest Jurisdiction dates to the very beginning and remained supportive and loyal to the end.

After the passing of his wife Mrs. Georgia Emma Houston he met and married Ms. Victorene Shealey on October 7, 1989. He was blessed with a stepdaughter Annalisa Robinson and a grandson Maurice Davis.

He was known throughout the community as a great humanitarian. Weekly he would pick up surplus food from major distributors and would give it away to those who were in need. He would help whomever he could; there were no tasks to big for him.

He was an excellent cook and prepared many meals for State Holy Convocations and other church meetings. He was famously known for his sweet potato pie and was fondly referred to as the "sweet potato man".

His kindness, humor, love and Godly life will be missed by his devoted wife Mrs. Victorene Houston, Daughters Franzetta Houston(Amber), Annalisa Robinson (Girard), Grandsons Alexander Coleman, Maurice Davis, Great-grandchildren, Alexander Jr., Ijhanna, Alexa Trinity, Alexa Janezell, Alexis Leilani. Goddaughters, Bessie Wilson, Willette Huey, Elizabeth McNeil, Elizabeth Dawson and Godsons. Eight Nieces and Nephews, Lola Coulter, Gladys Mosley, Mary Alice Stabler, Los Angeles, CA., Dorcas Miller, Tyler, TX, Robert Houston (Robbie), Los Angeles, CA., Roy Lee, (Irma), Tyler, TX., Arthur Harold Houston, (Margie), Los Angeles, CA., Bishop David Houston (Lillian), Tyler, TX., Host of Great Nieces and Nephews, Great-Great Nieces and Nephews, Cousins, host of relatives and friends. Emanuel Church family, San Francisco District, California Northwest Jurisdiction and the community has been impacted by his passing. He is now with the great cloud of witnesses for the Lord God all Mighty.

~ OFFICIAL HOME GOING CELEBRATION ~
ELDER ALEXANDER HOUSTON

Bishop N. A. Bullock, Eulogist
Auxiliary Bishop, California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
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Administrative Assistant John A. Jennings - Officiating

February 21, 2014

Musical Prelude ..... Organist
Processional ..... Clergy & Family
Master of Ceremony ..... Administrative Assistant John A. Jennings
Invocation ..... Pastor Yul Dorn, Sr.

Reading of the Holy Word

Old Testament: ..... Elder Cornelius Thorn
New Testament: ..... Pastor Larry D. Cotton
Congregational Melodies ..... Missionary Carol Barnes

Special Remarks

Deacon Joseph White, Sister Bernice Burton, Sister Betty Baham & Deacon Max Dennis

District Representatives ..... Pastor Samuel L. Jackson & Superintendent John Cox
Solo ..... Mother Victoria Williams
Special Remarks ..... Jurisdiction, Supervisor of Women - Dr. Mary M. Welch
Acknowledgments/Condolences ..... Sister Dorothy Levy
Obituary ..... Read Silently
Resolutions ..... Sister Valarie Robinson Palmer
CNW Executive Secretary, Superintendent John Jackson
Solo ..... Minister Charlene Moore

Expressions

Elder Michael Tartt, Elder Charles Bryant, Bishop Yvette Flunder & Bishop James Langston

Expressions – Family ..... Bishop David R. Houston
Introduction of Speaker ..... Administrative Assistant Darnell Thomas
Solo ..... Brother Christopher Poston
Eulogy ..... Bishop N. A. Bullock
Auxiliary Bishop - California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

~INTERMENT~

Olivet Memorial Park
1601 Hillside Boulevard • Colma, California

Pall Bearers

Deacon Steve Brister
Deacon Robert Danridge
Minister Gary Bates
Deacon Eric Martin
Bro. Arnold Cabantac
Elder Michael Tartt

Honorary Pall Bearers

Grandsons – Alexander N. Coleman and Maurice S. Davis & Great Grandson – Alexander N. Coleman, Jr.
Deacon Tomas Miller
Roy Lee Houston
Clarence Harkey
Elder David Houston
Brother Robert Houston
Marcus Spigner
Elder Thomas Lindsey
Pastor Arthur Harold Houston
Elder Melvin Danridge

Thank You

Musician
Missionary Bernice Bates
Ushers
Sis. Effie Harrison, Sis. Marian Greenfield, Sis. Dorothy Levy

Special Thanks

Mrs. Ellen Gordon, Friend and Companion for her many hours of care and love
Sutter Advanced Illness Management and Sutter Hospice Care Team

Acknowledgments

The family of Elder Alexander Houston wishes to thank everyone who, called, sent cards, visited, prepared meals and shared your love and prayers. You have been a source of strength during our bereavement.

Arrangements Entrusted to:

Duggan's Funeral Service

Vaughn O. Nixon, Funeral Director

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